The change is very essential. It is found that *Para* rubber does not thrive in Mysore but *Cacera* will. The present rates are too high for *Cacera.* The Travancore and Cochin rates being more favourable, extensive lands have been taken for rubber cultivation there.

Mr. Pilkington.—The rates in Coorg are much more favourable. They are almost the same as for coffee lands. *Cacera* rubber has been extensively planted in abandoned coffee estates. A comparative statement showing the different rates in Travancore, Cochin, Mysore and Coorg will be given.

Reply of Government.—The rates in Mysore were fixed in a Conference in which planters were consulted and the period has expired. If there is still a great demand for rubber lands, the matter will be further considered.

SUBJECT No. 123.

Establishment of an Agricultural College at Mysore.

Messrs. A. Ramanna, Yedatore taluk; Siddalingappa, Gundlupet taluk; D. Srikanta Rao, Devanhalli taluk; Chikguruvareddi, Bangalore taluk; Ramanujiengar, Gubbi taluk; and Singri Nanjappa, Tumkur District Board.

Summary of discussion.—The establishment of an Agricultural College in Mysore for the training of students in Agricultural Science and in the handling of improved machinery and appliances is an absolute necessity, the more especially, as Mysore students are not admitted to the Coimbatore College unless a special premium of Rs. 250 or Rs. 300 as it were, is paid to them.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 124.

Text-book on Agriculture.

Mr. V. Raghavachar, Mysore taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Local agriculture has not improved for want of treatises explaining the improved methods of cultivation in different parts of the country as contrasted with those adopted in other parts of India. Different soils and crops require different treatment and agriculturists should know this.

Pray that Government be pleased to have useful and authoritative books on these subjects translated into Kannada and promulgated among the public. Mere bulletins on special subjects are not sufficient but a comprehensive book on agriculture is needed.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 125.

Inspection of the coffee estates.

Mr. N. Nanjundiah, North Mysore Native Planters' Association, Chikmagalur.

Summary of discussion.—It is said that Indian coffee is deteriorating. Manure which suits some estates does not suit the others. The Agricultural Chemist may therefore be directed to halt for a portion of the year in the malnad where coffee is grown and to give his advice to the coffee-growers as to the use of manure, etc.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.—The majority of Indian planters are poor and illiterate and they cultivate only small bits. They cannot become members of the United Planter's Association in the district and are not in a position